(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि आजमगढ़ जनपद के कम्परपुर गांव में लगभग दो वर्षों से टावर लगा पड़ा है लेकिन विभाग द्वारा मशीन उपलब्ध नहीं कराई गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार मशीनें तत्काल उपलब्ध कराने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ): (क) जी, हां। पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश के कुछ जिलों में, टॉवर लगा दिए गए किन्तु ग्रामीण पी.सी.ओ. में मशीनें अभी नहीं लगाई गई हैं।

(ख) इटावा, उन्नाव, फिरोजाबाद, गोरखपुर और बस्ती कुछ ऐसे जिले हैं जहां टॉवर्स पहले ही लगा दिए गए थे किन्तु कुछ आपूर्तिकर्त्ताओं द्वारा उपस्करों की आपूर्ति न किए जाने के कारण और ग्रामीण सार्वजनिक टेलीफोनों की लोकेशन कस्टोडियन के बारे में विवाद के कारण भी ग्रामीण पी.सी.ओ. मशीनें नहीं लगाई जा सकीं।

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश के आजमगढ़ जिले के कम्परपुर गांव में एक पी.सी.ओ. पहले ही उपलब्ध कराया गया है।

(घ) आवश्यक मशीनों/उपस्करों का प्रबंध किया जा रहा है। ग्राम पंचायत-बी.डी.ओ. द्वारा की जाने वाली सिफारिशों में विलंब को कम करने के लिए लोकेशन/कस्टोडियन का निर्णय करने संबंधी मार्गदर्शनों में पहले ही संशोधन किया जा चुका है।

Electronic telephone exchanges in country

2080. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of electronic exchanges opened in the country during the last three years with reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) total number of electronic exchanges proposed to be opened in this State during the current year together with their location; and

(c) whether the necessary allocation have been provided to the Andhra Pradesh telecom circle for commissioning of the electronic exchanges in the State during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) 4091 electronic exchanges opened in the country during the last three years whereas 532 in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Forty Five number of electronic exchanges proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh during the current year. The details are enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statement

Details of electronic exchanges location-wise proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh during the current year

Sl. No.	District	Exchange planned
1.	Ananthapur	Georgepet
2.	Hyderabad	Madhapur
3.	Hyderabad	Tolichowki
4.	Krishna	Vijaywada-Bhavanipuram
5.	Krishna	Vijaywada-Gunnadala
6.	Nizamabad	Vinayaknagar
7.	Warangal	Chowrasta
8.	East Godavari	Ramanaiahpet
9.	West Godavari	Elluru-12 Taps Centre
10.	West Godavari	Elluru-Power Pet
11.	Adilabad	Duradakunala
12.	Ananthapur	Peror
13.	Chittoor	Mutlurevula
14.	Chittoor	Kandukuru
15.	Chittoor	Rallabaduguru
16.	Chittoor	Nerabailu
17.	Chittoor	Peddatippasamudram
18.	Chittoor	Pydipalem
19.	Cuddapah	P.V.G. Palli
20.	Cuddapah	Tanguturu
21.	Cuddapah	Tippasamudram
22.	Guntur	Rentapalli
23.	Guntur	Pedakakani
24.	Guntur	Nallapadu
25.	Guntur	Petlurivaripalem
26.	Guntur	Pothuru
27.	Karimnagar	Chandurty
28.	Karimnagar	Indurthy
29.	Khammam	Motuugudem
30.	Khammam	Narasapuram
31.	Krishna	Veerapaneni gudem
32.	Kurnool	Chintakunta

1	2	3
33.	Kurnool	Gondiparla
34.	Mahabubnagar	Balampet
35.	Mahabubnagar	Gundumal
36.	Mahabubnagar	Kalwakol
37.	Medak	Malchelma
38.	Nalgonda	Ramapuram
39.	Nalgonda	Wardhamanukonda
40.	Nalgonda	Tadakamalla
41.	Nizamabad	Anksapur
42.	Nizamabad	Fakirabad
43.	Nellore	Goniprolu
44.	Nellore	Revur
45.	Vizianagaram	Jiyyammavalasa

Departmental telegraph offices in Sikkim

2081. SHRI KARMA TOPDEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given an assurrance to the Parliament that a Departmental Telegraph Office would be opened in all the four district of Sikkim by 31st March, 1997;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite this assurance two districts of the State, the South and North districts with headquarters at Namchi and Mangan respectively, have not yet been provided with a Departmental Telegraph Office; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the non-fulfilment of the assurance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No, Sir. No such assurance has been given by Government.

(b) Though there is no such assurance, still there is a proposal to open telegraph offices at Namchi and Mangan District Headquarters. This will be implemented as and when suitable accommodation is available.

(c) Question does not arise.

Establishment of an Ombudsman

2082. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has proposed the establishment of an Ombudsman to act as an interface between the consumers and the operators; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or proposed to take on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India is only at consultation level at this stage. Government will take appropriate action once proposal is finalised by TRAI.

Sharing of profit of DOT with consumers

2083. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to share huge surplus being repead by the Department of Telecommunications with the consumers in the form of lower tariffs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) After meeting all the working expenses and payment of Dividend to General Revenues, the remaining surplus together with Depreciation of assets (an internal resource) is entirely ploughed back to finance developmental plans of the integrated telecom network. Since to give boost to developmental efforts, the availability of resources is often less than the requirement, the Department has to borrow Capital from the market. The likely impact of TRAI's tariff proposals on the size of surplus and the Departments development plans can not be estimated at this stage because TRAI's proposals are still in the form of a consultation paper.

Jangla telephone exchange of Shimla District

2084. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any